

**City of Albuquerque Public Art Urban Enhancement Program
Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to
Commission a Work of Art for the
Nob Hill is 100 Anniversary**

LOCATION/CONTEXT: The Albuquerque Arts Board, the Solid Waste Department and the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association Art Selection Committee have initiated a 1% for Art project in Albuquerque's City Council District 6 located off of Monte Vista Blvd. NE where Wellesley Dr. NE and Campus Blvd NE intersect.

PROJECT INTENT: The Nob Hill Neighborhood Association Art Selection Committee and the Albuquerque Arts Board seek artist proposals and or an existing work of art for a permanent artwork to be located within the triangle median at the intersection of Wellesley Dr. NE and Campus Blvd NE.

The first subdivision of the Nob Hill Neighborhood was established in 1916 which now consists of 6 residential additions between Girard Blvd, NE and Washington St., SE with Central Avenue (Historic Rt. 66) cutting through the center of Nob Hill. The proposed work of art will be sited within the Monte Vista addition just to the north of Central Avenue, the Nob Hill Shopping district and Monte Vista Elementary School. This is a high traffic area (pedestrian, bicycle and vehicles) that attracts visitors from all over the city. The Art Selection Committee would like to commission a work of art that will celebrate Nob Hill's sense of place, its cultural heritage, and its people as it turns 100. **Artist proposals with emphasis on specific historical figures are not preferred for this public art project; non-figurative themes and styles are highly encouraged.** Proposals for existing work of art are eligible but the artwork should clearly complement the neighborhood or add to it in a compelling way. Quality of design and craftsmanship are of utmost importance for this site.

For a complete overview of the neighborhoods, please visit the Nob Hill is 100 website at:

<http://nobhillis100.com/the-history-of-nob-hill/>

SITE: The work will be installed in a median where three streets converge: Campus Blvd. NE, Wellesley Dr. NE and Monte Vista Blvd. NE Two sides of the triangle median are one-way streets; the work will be viewed on all three sides by both pedestrians and people in passing vehicles. However the artwork must adhere to any clear site triangle issues that may be present and any right of way or easements that are in place due to this location.

Follow the link below and go to section five of the document for examples of a clear site triangle.

http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/local_rural/training/fhwasa07018/

MEDIA/STYLE/SIZE: All material considerations for this project should allow for a "low-impact" sensibility; it is important that the artist carefully consider the local setting and weigh the long term impact that proposed media would have on the immediate environment. The scale of the artwork should be appropriate to the site, and appropriate to the neighborhood. Durability and minimal, routine maintenance will be desirable aspects of the successful proposal. The life span of this work of art should be not less than 15 years. The artwork may not exceed 15' in height if placed directly under the existing power lines as indicated on the site plan.

PROJECT FUNDS: \$30,000 is available to commission a new work of public art including design, fabrication and installation for the Nob Hill Neighborhood Association. The primary source of funds for this project: Albuquerque - 1% for Art – Streets Funds. These funds provide for artist’s design and fabrication services, transport, installation including all needed equipment, supervision of installation, and all construction permits related to installation of the primary work of art.

Deadline for Submissions: July 15, 2016

ATTACHMENT: Site images, maps and further context materials are available on the Public Art website, www.cabq.gov/publicart/opportunities-for-artist .

SELECTION PROCESS: This is a New Mexico State-wide, open competition, Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for all artists and/or artist teams. The Art Selection Committee will offer a stipend for preliminary design concepts from a set of finalists not to exceed 5 (five); or at the discretion of the Art Selection Committee, the committee reserves the right to select a single artist and/or artist team from the original submissions from the RFQ. Stipend funds of \$500 per selected finalist are available.

Eligibility: This project is open to artist/artist teams residing in New Mexico.

APPLICATION PROCESS: All materials should be submitted directly to the Public Art Urban Enhancement Program via email to publicart@cabq.gov, or arrive physically in portable digital format (i.e. on CD or other device) mailed or delivered, to the Public Art Urban Enhancement Program offices by Friday, July 15, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. MST (Mountain Standard Time). Late and/or incomplete submissions will not be considered. Mailing address is: City of Albuquerque Public Art Urban Enhancement Program, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103. Physical address is Two Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM 87102 on 3rd Street between Tijeras and Marquette, NW, downtown Albuquerque.

Submission Materials – Artists must submit the following items for the project:

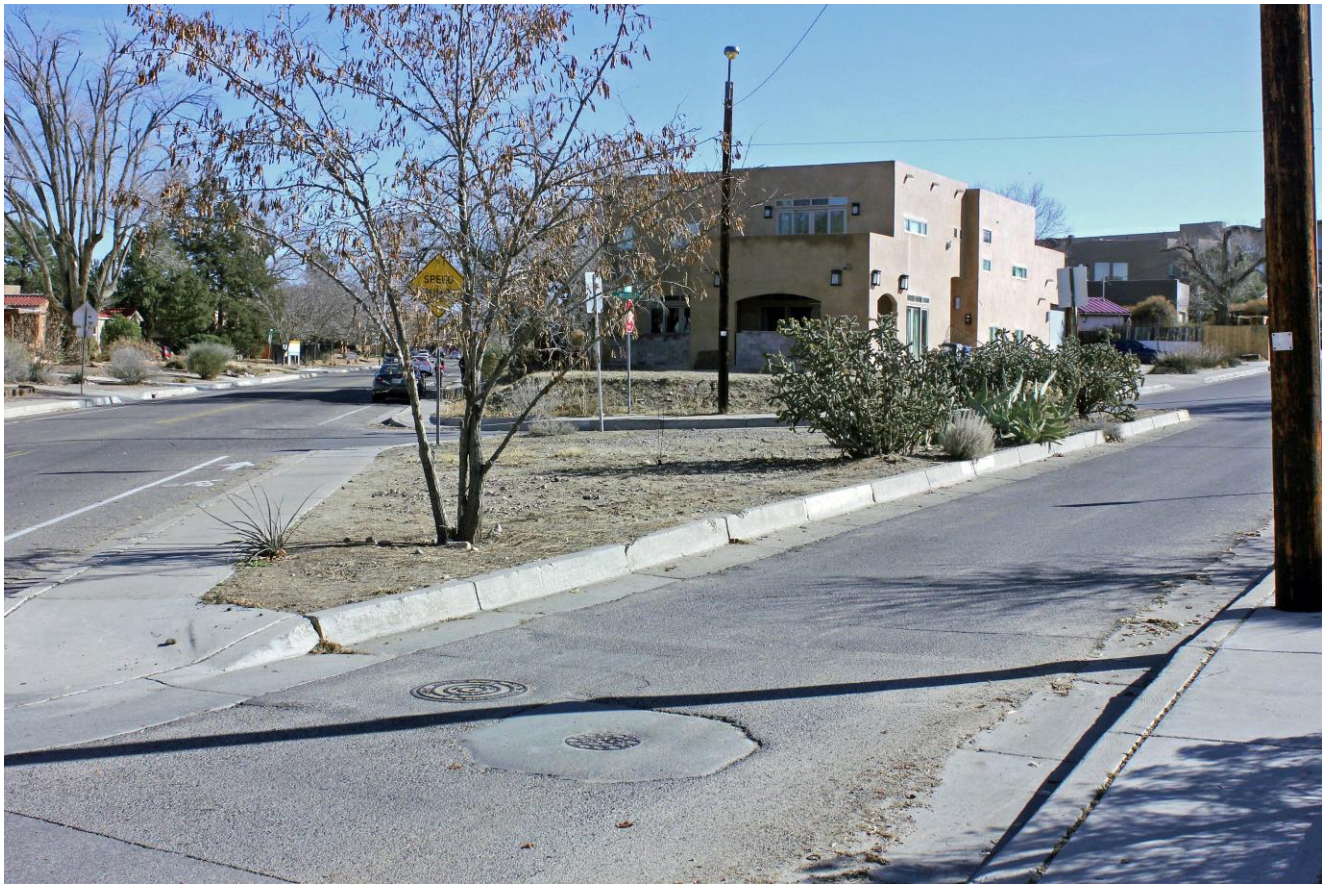
1. A letter of intent, not to exceed **1000** words, discussing your approach to the site, its context, and potential opportunities you may explore in executing your artwork.
2. Up to 8 (eight) digital images of past work that would be suitable as indicators of your experience and aesthetic choices. If you have completed successful public artworks, they would be helpful (though not necessary) for the committee to review.
3. An annotated image key, clearly labeled with your name and a numerical listing for each image, the title of the work, the media, the dimensions and year of completion.
4. A current resume not to exceed 3 (three) pages should include statements regarding your artwork/art education or CV. If you are submitting as part of a team, please include separate resumes and statements for each individual.

QUESTIONS/FOLLOW UP: Questions about the project may be directed to Matt Carter at the Albuquerque Public Art Program (505) 768-3804 or email: mcarter@cabq.gov

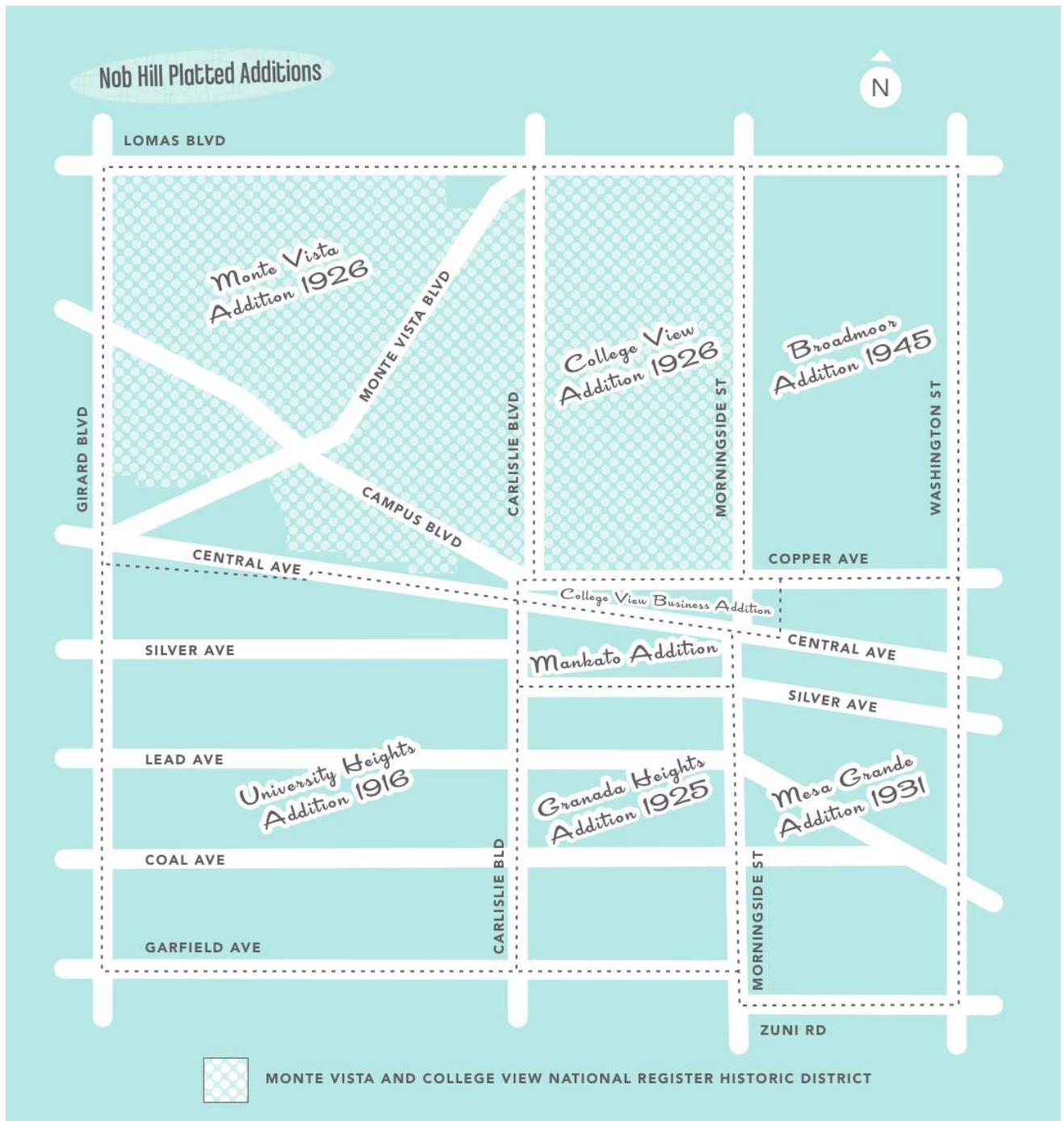


Street view looking North towards Monte Vista





Street view looking East on the Corner of Monte Vista and Wellesley



Aerial map of the Nob Hill Neighborhood with all 6 residential additions shown